

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 02/22/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-16.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 2/17/2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Claims 1-16 are allowed over the prior art of record.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant's particular computer-implemented system and associated with a form editing method of editing composite form template data to be synthesized with field data, the composite form template data being obtained as a combination of component form template data, wherein a component form template data generation step, of generating component form template data including a plurality of field attribute data, each field attribute data defining an attribute of the field data, wherein a page of the composite form template data comprises a plurality of component form template data; a form data storing step, of storing composite form data in a form data storage means, the composite form data containing a plurality of the component form data generated in said component form data generation step in a predetermined order in one page; and a field list display step of, displaying each field attribute data of the plurality of component form data, which is contained in a page of interest of the composite form data stored in the form data storage means, with each serial number as a list, wherein the component form template data defines a field order of the plurality of field attribute data contained in the component form template data; and wherein the field list display the steps of:

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(a) loading, as component form template data of interest, one of the component form template data contained in the composite form data of one page in the predetermined order,

(b) incrementing the serial number in accordance with ((a)) the field order of the field attribute data contained in the component form template data of interest loaded in the step (a),

(c) displaying the field attribute data contained in the component form data of interest and the serial number incremented in step (b), in combination with the other limitations of the claims, was not disclosed by, would not have been obvious over, nor would have been fairly suggested by the prior art of record.

The dependent claims, being further limiting to the independent claims, definite and enabled by the Specification are also allowed.

The closest prior art, the prior art of record, Wright, Jr. US Patent 5,704,029 - filed 05/23/1997, in view of Scharmer, US Patent 5,640,577 - filed 08/22/1995, in further view of Mayer et al. US Patent 4,451,900 - filed 12/29/1981, fails to anticipate or render Applicants limitations above obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Quoc A. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272 - 4103. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30AM to 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Feild Joseph can be reached on (571) -272-4090. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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